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For: HEAT-SENSITIVE LITHOGRAPHIC)
PRINTING PLATE PRECURSOR)

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 4, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly replace the paragraph beginning on Page 1, Line 3, with the following:

The present invention relates to a heat-sensitive lithographic printing plate precursor which requires no development-processing and can ensure a long press life and high stain resistance. More specifically, the present invention relates to a lithographic printing plate precursor which enables recording of images by scanning exposure to infrared laser beams based on digital signals and, after the images are recorded therein, can be mounted in a